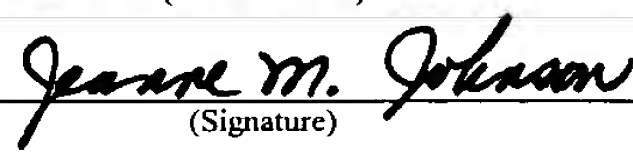




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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 28, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants petition with this amendment for an Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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